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Other members of the committee include Ken Wiseman, Joe Hellewell, Joe Brown, J. Smith Decker, Everett Call and Glen Greenwood. Clair Morris and Florence Youngberg assist as office staff secretaries.

## Star Valley Recalled by Former Teacher, Resident

Editor:

Your picture and account of the Star Valley Chapter SUP, Afton, Wyoming, formation was specially interesting to me because it was done on my birthday, Sept. 22, 1984--my 89th birthday-- and because I taught Smith-Hughes agriculture and farm shop in the

Star Valley High School 1921 to 1923 and a few years ago had my article, "Personal Recollections of Star Valley" published in The PIONEER.

I certainly want to congratulate Pres. Greenwood and all who had to do with this accomplishment, including the Logan Chapter. I have also written to Pres. Hokensen to congratulate them and wish them success.

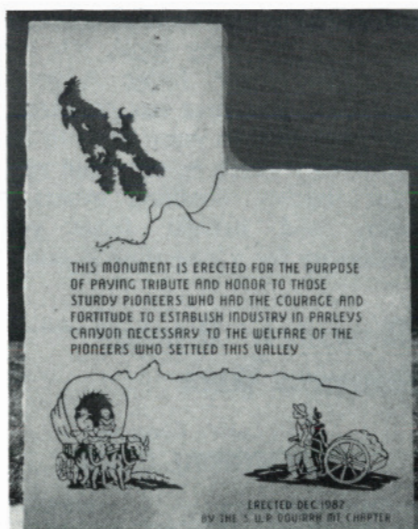
Ray L. Alston  
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## The Cover

SUP Monuments take many sizes and shapes. In addition to the anodized aluminum plaques featured in the last issue and the traditional bronze castings is this granite slab, placed by Oquirrh Mountain Chapter some time ago.

It celebrates pioneer industries once located directly below the location of this monument, which is placed in the lawn just east of the front entrance to SUP National Headquarters building.

Photo and cover design by  
Lorry E. Rytting



## Goals for National Society Set by Incoming SUP President

When the organization by-laws were changed to make all national officers tenure of office a calendar year, I was very pleased. Not only would our terms parallel those of chapter officers, but I had three additional months to get organized. This time has sped by and here we are entering a new year of activity.

I feel humble in approaching this position. Many dedicated and well qualified men have preceded me and have done an outstanding work in promoting the objects and ideals of the Society, and I will need an interest in your faith and prayers that progress will be made this year.

We have some ambitious goals this year:

1. Add ten additional chapters to our Society increasing membership another 500 members.
2. Enlarge the PIONEER to 28 or 32 pages by securing more advertising and increasing circulation.
3. Continue emphasis on Life Membership.
4. Continue emphasis on Trails and Landmarks.

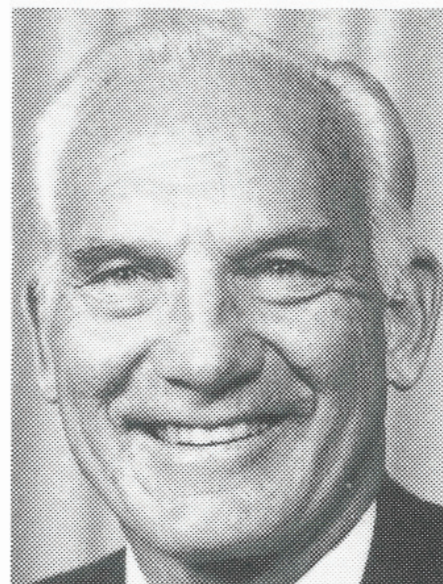
5. Greater emphasis on Name Memorialization.

6. Greater emphasis on Gift and Legacy programs. We need more financial help to finish downstairs in headquarters building and we need to purchase additional parking lots.

7. Greater emphasis on activities from all of our 19 national and local committees.

8. A most enjoyable year through more inter-chapter activities and encouraging individual participation.

Over the years, and especially this past year, I have appreciated my association in the Society, and the many people who have been so instrumental in its growth and development, and my thanks go to them for their patience and kindness to me. I am grateful that many of these same people are going to continue to serve, Past President Greenwood as Executive Secretary, John Nielsen as a director in charge of Chapter Expansion, Membership, and the Gifts and Legacy Committees; Howard Gray, Treasurer; Directors Grant Hale, Orson Wright, Carlyle



Verl L. Petersen

Jensen; Wayne Mallet, President-Elect; Adolph Johnson, Life Membership, and with all the talented and dedicated committee chairmen, area Vice Presidents, and office staff, I'm sure we'll achieve our many goals.

LaRaine and I are looking forward to this year, meeting our old friends and finding new ones while attending your chapter meetings. Please make yourselves acquainted with us, as we want to know you better.

Thank you for your confidence! I'll try to earn it.

Verl L. Petersen  
National President

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by E. Kay Kirkham

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# President Hinckley's Father Wrote "jewel of prose" for SUP

## Classic B. H. Hinckley Statement Epitomizes SUP Mission

"By inheritance and by choice we become the special guardians of the places and events that commemorate the deeds that glorify our pioneer ancestors. This is a noble task committed to willing and capable hands.

"In the discharge of this responsibility we are sure to catch the spirit and develop the attitude of those whose memories we seek to perpetuate. The things we do for them will contribute to our own lives and help to build into our own characters the virtues that made possible their achievements.

"Rising above all earthly monuments of material contributions which we might make to their memories will be a manifestation in our own lives of the faith, the fortitude, the courage that sustained them.

"The highest proof of gratitude on our part is the will to carry on."

--Bryant S. Hinckley (1950)

## Emulate Pioneers; Build SUP Mission

*by Francis M. Partridge*

At the beginning of another year, most of us are in very favorable situations. But are we doing for our communities, our families and our neighbors as much as we could? In the book of Ether, Chapter 2, Verse 10 it says;

For behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be swept off; . . ."

How do we serve God? The two great commandments (Matt. 22:37-39) can be summarized into "Love God and Love thy Neighbor". Our Pioneer forbears did these things. Just think of the things that they did that were far more than just providing food and shelter for themselves.

President Spencer W. Kimball and others have stated,

"Think of what the early Pioneers did with Kirtland and Nauvoo, even when they knew they might not be there long. Look what they did as transients along the route to Utah to plant and cultivate and  
(Continued on page 6)

## SUP Librarian's Efforts Yields 50-year Index

Working tirelessly over a period of many months, E. Kay Kirkham has completed an extremely valuable tool for SUP.

Covering a period of fifty years, an index has been completed to items in the publications and early minutes of the National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers.

The historical index has approximately 5,000 entries. It includes 445 references to feature articles, 1,245 references to individual biographies and a transcript of the original applications of some of the original sixty-six chapters. Some of these featured histories of the chapter or the person after which the chapter was named.

Other references in the index include chapter activities and administrative officers.

SUP Librarian E. Kay Kirkham compiled this valuable 104 page treatise, which is available as an index only, and does not include narrative or textual materials.

During the arduous task of indexing historical documents from Sons of Pioneers archives, SUP Historian/Librarian E. Kay Kirkham was often rewarded by discovery of a forgotten event, a departed friend, a jewel of prose.

Such was the statement in "The Voice of the Pioneers" Vol. 5, No. 2 & 3, dated February and March, 1950, published by "The Sons of Utah Pioneers Luncheon Club," bearing the modest signature -- B. S. H. We are proud to reprint it here.

The initials were those of Bryant S. Hinckley, then chairman of the committee which prepared material for publication in that early periodical.

An earlier issue, in 1948, included Richard R. Lyman's tribute to this "good, able and greatly beloved brother for the gentleness and loveliness of his life and for the literary gems that he prepares from time to time for use in this paper."

The tribute was "based largely on the brief biography of Brother Bryant S. which his gifted literary son, Gordon Bitner Hinckley, published in The Deseret News."

As Lyman wrote, "Every sentence that this man writes or speaks in a public address is classic. His is a natural and impressive eloquence that always commands attention.

A third of a century later, in our time, the same could properly be said of his son, now second counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Since his call to the First Presidency in 1981, President Hinckley has dedicated more new Temples of the Church (12, and all since May, 1983) than any General Authority in modern history.

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## Emulate Pioneers

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"Imagine what could happen if there were a resurgence of such spirit today; if we sought to improve our environment---social, physical, intellectual, cultural, spiritual---to the same degree and with the same energy that our Pioneer forbears did." (Ensign, Dec. 1984 p 45-46.)

There has been a beginning in the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Several chapters have been and are now working on worthwhile projects. Several monuments have been restored. Areas have been cleaned up and beautified.

But perhaps there are many more things we could do to make this a better place to live.

We could strengthen Sons of Utah

Pioneers by encouraging our younger people to participate. If each of us would sponsor one or more of our sons or other younger friends to be life members during 1985, we would double our membership and get more young blood in our chapters.

Our programs can be made attractive to members of all ages. Our young people are very much interested in the activities of our pioneer progenitors.

Programs and projects that involve the "PIONEER" theme will help to motivate us to emulate the great activities that were involved in the settlements of new communities and such things as the "Hole-in-the-Rock" expedition and the pioneering trek to San Bernardino.

President N. Eldon Tanner has counseled us:

"A member of the church can honor and sustain the law and make the greatest contribution to his country and to the welfare of mankind by: 1. Obeying strictly all the laws of the land and teaching his children by precept and by example to honor and sustain the law and those in authority in the home, in the community, in the church, and in the organizations of

the wards and stakes of the church.

2. Using his best influence to improve the laws by all legal means at his disposal.

3. Striving to elect good, honorable men to office and actively supporting them.

4. Being prepared to accept office and serve diligently in the best interests of his community or country.

5. Observing and keeping the laws of God."

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## Hilda Erickson was Rancher, Doctor, Mother, Pioneer

by Donald Rosenberg  
Settlement Canyon

Prior to her death in 1967, Hilda Erickson, age 108, was the oldest living person in the State of Utah. She was also the last living person of over 80,000 who crossed the plains as pioneers in wagon trains and hand carts prior to the coming of the railroad in 1869. Her story began on Nov. 11, 1858 at Ledga, Sweden, where she was born the fifth in the family of Pehr and Marie Katarian Anderson Larson.

Her father, who owned a small farm, joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and in May, 1866, sent his wife and their three youngest children, Hilda and her two younger brothers, to the United States.

Enroute, they traveled through Denmark, England, and over the Atlantic Ocean to New York. Then by train they travelled to St. Josephs Missouri, and from there took a small river boat to Omaha, Nebraska.

This was the jumping-off place, the frontier; the rest of the way would have to be by oxen and handcart. It was on October 22, 1868, nearly six months after leaving Sweden, that the family arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah.

They stayed in Mt. Pleasant, Utah for a short time until the father and the other two brothers joined them. From there, they moved to Grantsville, Utah.

### Courting and Marriage

When Hilda was in her twenties, John A. Erickson came into her life. He courted her, and proposed several times, only to be told with a grin, "I'm too busy, John". But his persistence finally won out and the couple were married Feb. 23, 1882 in the old Endowment House in Salt Lake City.

The following year they were called on a Church mission to (Ibapah) Deep Creek Valley, Utah, near the Nevada border, where the Church had a large ranch in Goshute Indian Country.

There was plenty to do for the young couple. A Sunday School was established and "Hildy," as the Indians called her, was the Secretary - and also the English teacher. Classes and Sunday School were held in the Erickson home, where Hilda also taught the Indian women to sew, mend and make clothes, as well as to read and write.

She soon became the "Doctor" for the area and became so proficient in the healing art, it was decided to send her to Salt Lake City to take a course in obstetrics. This posed some difficulty because a year and a half earlier, Amy, the Erickson's first child, had made her appearance into the world. But Grandma Larson came to the rescue and took care of the girl while Hilda was taking the course. She was graduated in 1885 and

received a state license to practice obstetrics.

### Obstetrics, Cuts, Bruises

Armed with the state approval to practice, she returned to Ibapah and began a real service, practicing not only obstetrics for white and Indians alike, but also sewing up wounds and cuts on both animals and humans, using a buckskin needle.

She rode sidesaddle all over the area on her errands of mercy, delivering babies, treating the sick, pulling teeth and other services.

In Ibapah she opened the first of her businesses, selling merchandise and serving meals to Miners and Indians. Sometimes the Indians got strange ideas. Mrs. Erickson recalled one man who got in debt to the store. When asked to pay up, he answered, "Oh, me like white man now, me no pay bill no more."

In the late 1880's they decided to leave the Church Ranch and get a place of their own. John Erickson had previously spotted a place that he thought would make a good ranch. This place was 30 miles down the Deep Creek, just on the western edge of the great desert.

"This is a place for a great ranch", said John to his wife Hilda, one day as they both went on horseback 30 miles down the Deep Creek to see the new-found place. On their way back, as they approached their home, John tried

to talk to Hilda about the place they had visited. But she said, "John, don't talk to me, I'm too tired". And well she might be after riding 60 miles that day sidesaddle.

They began this new project; first, John hauling logs from the Southwest mountains with which to build a house and barn. This was a long, trying job, for the logs had to be cut and hauled a distance of 30 miles over very rough roads. However, they were determined this desert spot would blossom, and within a few years, fruit was being shipped as far away as New York and California.

#### "Last Chance" Ranch

For years, this family lived and thrived on this Last Chance Ranch as some of the doubting neighbors titled it. When their two children became old enough to need the advantages of a school, Hilda moved to Grantsville, her former home, leaving John on the ranch with his hired help to make out the best he could.

In 1903, John was called on a

Mission to Sweden, and Hilda had to then assume the full responsibility of the ranch in Ibapah. After John's return from his mission, the children were attending school in Salt Lake City, and the ranch continued to thrive. So, in 1909, Hilda with her son Perry, took a three months trip to Sweden.

In 1925, Mrs. Erickson established a general merchandising store at Grantsville, Utah and was manager of this store for 21 years. She sold the store in 1946. Along with the store was a Texaco gas station and a lumber yard.

On her 100th Birthday, a celebration was held for her in Grantsville, depicting her as the oldest and only survivor of the pioneers prior to 1869.

At the age of 101 she rode in the Pioneer Day parade with her Great-granddaughters, Jean and Teresa Hicks. At age 105, she was still driving her own automobile.

One of her last great adventures was to ride in a jet airliner to Washington D.C. to meet the

President at the White House.

When man landed on the moon, they said, this is one great step for man. It was one giant step for Hilda Erickson, who walked for weeks across the plains with a handcart, to travel back across the breadth of the nation in a few hours by jet. With her passing from this earth, in 1967, it should be a reminder to us all what a great heritage people such as Hilda Erickson made

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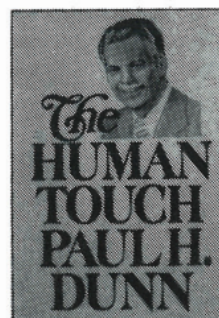
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# Cemetery Recalls The Story of Lilburn W. Boggs

by Paul J. Updike

In the Tulocay Cemetery of Napa, California, lies the body of Lilburn W. Boggs, notorious in Mormon history as the governor who expelled the Mormons from Missouri, in the dead of winter in 1838.

The Mormons experienced untold hardship and death. My own great-great-grandfather, Silas Smith, an uncle of the Prophet Joseph Smith, who was presiding over a fleeing branch of the Church, lost his son and his own life in the expulsion.

Governor Boggs lost his reputation and he, too, became a refugee and westward traveler in 1846. He, with many other Missouri mobocrats, passed and repassed the Mormon pioneers and even gave up some of their foodstuffs in return for being ferried across the Green River on their way to California.

At Fort Bridger, Boggs and his party continued on the Oregon Trail, passing through Oregon and on into California. Settling in the Napa Valley. He was a farmer in the valley until his death in 1860.

According to folklore, Joseph Smith had cursed Lilburn W.



Boggs, stating; "...that he would be buried in the shadow of the Mormon Church, and that not a blade of grass would grow upon his grave."

For many years the local Mormons around Napa invited their friends to see the grave site of Governor Boggs, which refused to grow any grass. A moss-like green could be seen growing in some of the bare spots but otherwise the Boggs family plot was completely devoid of any grass. Abundant grass grew the year round outside the cement wall encircling the Boggs family plot.

The steeple of the local Mormon chapel can be seen from the Boggs grave site. The chapel is located on Chapel Hill approximately two blocks above the grave site.

Local non-mormons often would claim that the Napa Mormons kept Boggs' grave site liberally supplied with salt peter. Local Mormons vehemently denied it.

The Tulocay Cemetery grounds keeper usually became irritated when people would inquire why the Boggs grave site was so completely devoid of grass. Frequent but unsuccessful attempts to reseed the grave site were made.

About four years ago, the

## SUP Life Membership A Family Affair

Several SUP families have attained Life Member status for several of their men, demonstrating their loyalty to the organization. Among the examples listed below are sets of brothers, fathers and sons and sons-in-law.

An outstanding example is the family of Cyrene N. Bagley, 138. His two sons, Paul Harold Bagley, 464, and Douglas Cyrene Bagley, 465, are both life members, along with 11 sons-in-law and grandsons. They include: Stanley Ross Woodward, 458; Brent Alan Woodward, 459; Ralph Bagley Woodward, 460; Robert Harvey Lloyd, 461; Paul Allan Lloyd, 462; Calvin Frank Bagley, 463; Dale Frank Reese, 466; Richard Alan Reese, 467; Steven Bagley Reese, 468; James Edward Reese, 469; and David Wayne Reese, 511.

The family of Karl B. Hale spans three generations and includes 11 SUP life members. Karl B. Hale, 39, of Sugar House and East Mill Creek Chapters, was followed by son K. Grant Hale, East Mill Creek and Holladay Chapters, 114, and two sons-in-law, Ralph Fisher, 945, and Rudy Kuhn, 619. In turn, five sons of K. Grant Hale have joined the ranks: Douglas G., 603; K. Lawrence, 605; Jeffrey H., 607; Loran C., 606; Jonathan H., 604; as well as two sons-in-law, Peter L. Cheiss, 609 and Dennis W. Roennebeck, 608.

Five members of East Mill Creek: John J. Nielsen, 151; John Boyd Nielsen, 548, Merrill W. Beckstead, 588; Morris L. Blalock, 589; Donald R. Fielden, 590.

Four Neff brothers in East Mill Creek: Branson B., 907; Steven B., 700; Thomas B., 920; and Samuel B., 1049.

Missouri Governor recinded the Mormon extermination order. Thereafter, the grounds keeper's attempts to reseed the area were successful.

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# Invitation to SUP CEDAR CITY 1985 Encampment

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We plan to greet you in a much different way when you arrive in late August of 1985 in your automobiles, recreational vehicles, busses, vans, or planes. We are planning a great National Encampment for August 29, 30, and 31 of 1985.

Our committee in charge of the weather has promised a beautiful time of year, and your host chapter, Cedar City, would like you to be informed of a little of the history of our valley when you get there.

A little over 133 years ago the area in which we will be meeting was part of a vast silent wilderness, inhabited by a few rabbits, coyotes, varmints, and a small band of Paiute Indians. Reports had been received from several different explorers, of iron ore in an area about 250 miles to the south and west.

Parley P. Pratt and a small group of men checked out these reports and found them to be true. A call went out for volunteers to join with Apostle George A. Smith to go on an "Iron Mission" to supply the much-needed iron in the territory.

This group left Provo on December 16, 1850 and 28 days later arrived in what is now Parowan. They spent the rest of that winter and the following summer and fall building a fort and harvesting their crops. It was November before they got on with the business of finding the iron ore and other items needed to produce the iron.

After two days travel from Parowan--the date being November 11, 1851--a group of 35 men, some with their families, arrived at the knoll just north of the present Cedar City. The weather was cold and snow was falling. In order to

keep warm, they removed the wagon boxes from the wagons and placed these boxes on the ground and built a barrier of sagebrush to protect them from the wind. Close to this knoll they built a fort and about a year later they built and moved into another fort a short distance to the south and west.

In the spring of 1852 a small furnace demonstrated to them that iron could be drawn from the ore. From this first molten iron they made some much needed nails.

In the spring of 1852, the early settlers were augmented by a group of Scotch, English, and Welsh converts to the LDS Church. These individuals had been producers of iron in their home countries.

During the time from February to August of 1852 along with planting crops for food to sustain life, this group of hardy pioneers built a furnace, charcoal pit coke oven, and made clay fire bricks to line their blast furnace.

In August, the coke ovens were fired and on the evening of September 29, 1852 the furnace was loaded with ore and fired. That evening and into the early dawn of the next morning this group spent their time around a bon-fire in prayer and song.

As daylight appeared, Robert Adams knocked the plug out of the furnace and as a stream of fiery molten metal ran out into the sand box molds, shouts of "Hosanna" and "Hosanna to the

Lord" went up from the group.

Thus, the first iron was produced in Iron County--the first produced west of the Mississippi River. In the first year or so of the Iron Mission operation, they produced hand irons, molasses rolls, plows, grates, tools, pots, horseshoes, flat irons, latches, and especially nails. These products were distributed throughout the Territory of Deseret.

The Cedar City Chapter of SUP invites you--if you have not already done so--to start your plans to attend the National Encampment in Cedar City in 1985. You will have the opportunity to visit some of the historical areas such as the first encampment site, the old fort, the iron works and "Old Iron Town", as well as our Iron Mission State Park and many other sites. Enjoy tours, entertainment, meetings, and an evening of "Shakespeare Under the Stars".

A registration form and more information will be in future issues of PIONEER as well as information on ordering your tickets for the Shakespeare Festival--either as a chapter as some have done, or as individuals.

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# Arnold Potter: From L.D.S. Convert to Pioneer to Missionary to Sect Leader

by Steven R. Parkes  
City Creek Chapter

Since the organization of the LDS Church, there have been individuals associated with the Mormons who have disputed the recognized leadership of the Church. Arnold Potter was one of these.

He was born on January the 11th, 1804 in Herkimer County, New York. His father, David Potter, had come to New York from Rhode Island. Arnold grew up in New York and at age 19, in 1823, married Almira Smith. Two sons and three daughters blessed the family between 1824 and 1830.

In 1835, Arnold and some of his brothers and sisters moved their families to Switzerland County, Indiana. There, in the fall of 1839, he came in contact with Elder Jonathan Dunham, of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who was preaching the restored Gospel. On Sunday, the 10th of November, 1839, Elder Dunham baptized Arnold and his wife.

Arnold embraced the Gospel enthusiastically and moved his family to join the Saints at Nauvoo in April of 1848. He purchased property near the Mississippi River. There is no evidence however, that he ever lived on it. He was ordained an Elder by Joseph Smith, Jr. on April 24, 1840 and received his patriarchal blessing from Joseph Smith, Sr. on the first of June of the same year.

Sometime during this period his wife, Almira, died. On December 10, 1843, he married Elizabeth Ann Birch, 19 years his junior. She and her mother and brother had recently come to Nauvoo from Herefordshire, England. They had been among those converted by Wilford Woodruff and his companions at the Benbow farm.

By 1845, he and Elizabeth were living at Sand Prairie, in Lee County, Iowa, just across the river from Nauvoo, where he was the

Presiding Elder of the Saints living there. On January 19, 1845, he was ordained into the 16th Quorum of Seventy at Nauvoo.

## Crossing the Plains

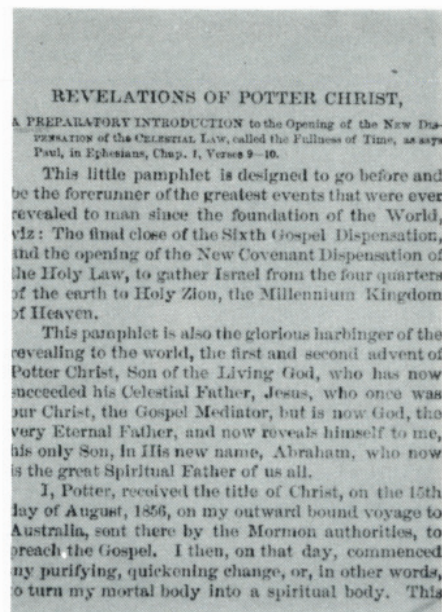
Crossing the plains for the first time in 1848, Arnold arrived in Salt Lake in September of that year. Elizabeth had remained behind in Iowa. Four of his children by his first wife, were already in Utah, having come with Daniel Spencer's group about a year before, in 1847. Arnold spent the winter 1848-49 in Salt Lake Valley and returned to Iowa in the spring of 1849. Leaving Iowa under Silas Richards in July, he and Elizabeth arrived in Salt Lake in October, 1849. Elizabeth was at this time expecting their first child. They settled in Millcreek where Wallace Edwin Potter, my great-grandfather, was born in April of 1850.

Family sources state that in 1852, Arnold went to San Bernardino with his family. However, I have evidence that he was still in Salt Lake in 1855, as he was listed on the rolls of the 16th Quorum of Seventy in Salt Lake for that year. In any case, he was definitely in San Bernardino by March 16, 1856. This was the date when he was called to serve a mission to Australia.

## Life Changes

It is impossible to know the circumstances which led to the change that occurred in his life at this time, but while on the ship "Osprey" headed for Australia, he experienced what he termed "my purifying, quickening change". According to his own testimony, he received the literal soul of Christ into his body and believed himself to the "Potter Christ, Son of the living God".

While in Australia, he produced a book written in manuscript form which he claimed had been dictated to him by angels. This book was the book by which all people were to be judged. It was the Holy Law



to govern Zion.

Upon his return to San Bernardino to his family and the Saints, he caused enough notice to be recorded in the "Manuscript history of the San Bernardino Settlement", found in the LDS Church archives. Between September and December of 1857, several entries were made concerning his activities there:

"Wednesday 21 October 1857 - Arnold Potter, who calls himself Potter Christ, appeared in our streets today with a brand on his forehead which had been put in with India ink. The words which can be read at quite a distance, are "Potter Christ - The Living God - Morning Star". To the right of the inscription is a star, below a cross. He appears very desirous of winning followers. It is said there are several apostates about to join him.

By the spring of 1858, Arnold's family now numbered 2 children and Elizabeth was expecting a third. Apparently, she didn't have faith in Arnold's revelations and his special calling, for she left Arnold in San Bernardino and returned to Utah with the children. Arnold provided Elizabeth with a team and wagon and bid them farewell, never to see them again.

## Prefer California

During this time in California,

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## Jack Nielsen Steps Down After Eight Terms as Executive Secretary

After eight successive terms, John J. (Jack) Nielsen is stepping down as Executive Secretary of the National Board of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. He has served since 1977.

The appointment of Glen L. Greenwood, immediate Past President of the national society, as the new executive secretary was announced by Verl L. Petersen, national president for 1984.

Petersen presented an engraved plaque recognizing Nielsen's outstanding service during the National Board's Christmas Dinner and program December 11. He also announced Nielsen's appointment for 1985 as a national director, with special responsibilities for developing new chapters.

As a long-time member of East Mill Creek Chapter, Jack Nielsen has already helped to establish several, including Taylorsville-Bennion, Murray, Canyon Rim Heritage, Olympus Hills and East Mill Creek Mills chapters. He has an active membership in two chapters, East Mill Creek and Canyon Rim Heritage.

Nielsen has lived and worked in the Eastern United States and in California before moving to Utah. He was construction sales manager of the Westinghouse Corp. He serv-

ed in stake presidencies in Pasadena and East Los Angeles and became president of Canyon Rim Stake.

Becoming a member of SUP in 1970, he was appointed advertising representative for The PIONEER beginning in 1972, holding that position for ten years.

His appointment as executive secretary came during the presidency of Oliver Smith in 1977, and he also served consecutively under W. Phil Robbins, Ken Wiseman, Grant Hale, Bill Critchlow, Glen Lloyd and Glen Greenwood.

During his tenure, he has seen SUP membership nearly double, and the realization of a dream for a permanent national headquarters building. Jack handled much of the detail during the financing, construction, dedication and utilization of the building.

A tireless worker, he has encouraged chapters and individual members by his example of dedication. Most recently, he has championed the commission of an original art work in parquetry by Neldon Bullock of Lehi for the foyer of SUP headquarters.

In attending to the duties of his office, he has enjoyed the support and companionship of his charming wife.

## Officers' Training

A tightly-packed schedule of instruction and training is scheduled for all Chapter officers elected for 1985. At SUP national headquarters Saturday afternoon, Jan. 12, President-elect D. Wayne Mallet is in charge of the event, which will feature instruction from several of the national society's executive board, headed by President Verl L. Petersen.

A noon luncheon will be held by the Past Presidents council, chaired by K. Grant Hale, followed at 1:30 p.m., with a general session for the men. A separate meeting for SUP partners will also be held at the same time.

Departmental training sessions will follow the general session, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in various rooms in the building.

Concluding the day's activities will be a catered President's Dinner at 6:30 p.m. for those officers and their partners attending the seminar.

A schedule of speakers and departments appears at right.

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## Glen L. Greenwood Named New SUP Executive Secretary

Glen L. Greenwood, retiring as national SUP president at the close of 1984, has been appointed Executive Secretary for 1985, succeeding John J. "Jack" Nielsen, who has served in that position for eight terms.

Greenwood's appointment was announced by National SUP President Verl L. Petersen during the national board's annual Christmas social and board meeting.

During his term as president, Greenwood typically spent one day each week at National Headquarters Building, and became well acquainted with office procedures and staff. During the last six weeks of 1984, while Nielsen was on

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# Seminar - Jan 12th

## Schedule of Events

January 12, 1985

### NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

#### SUP SEMINAR

CALL TO ORDER - D. Wayne Mallet, President-Elect  
 FLAG CEREMONY - Wally Baters  
 INVOCATION - Eldred G. Smith  
 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - President Verl L. Petersen  
 PRESENTATION OF PROCEDURE MANUAL - Grant Hale  
 PRESENTATION - "Starting the year right" - Dr. Orson Wright

### NATIONAL PROGRAMS (4 minutes each)

Name Memorialization - Lynn Murdock  
 Life Membership - Adolph Johnson  
 Membership and chapter expansion - Jack Nielsen  
 Treks - Glen Greenwood  
 Trails and landmarks - Ken Rasmussen  
 Pioneer Stories - Marvin Smith  
 Publicity - Bert Carter  
 Pioneer - Lorry Rytting  
 Achievement Awards - Sam Gordon  
 Encampment - Foyer Olson  
 Music - Mark Nichols  
 Histories - Kay Kirkham

### DEPARTMENT SESSIONS

Chapter President should assign one or more Officers to each department.

Secretary-Treasurer - Treks ..... Glen Greenwood  
 Office  
 Name Memorialization ..... Lynn Murdock  
 Southwest Seminar Room  
 Life Membership ..... Adolph Johnson  
 Kitchen Seminar Room  
 Membership ..... Jack Nielson  
 Southeast Seminar Room  
 Trails and Landmarks ..... Ken Rasmussen  
 Stage  
 Achievement Program ..... Sam Gordon  
 Mormon Battalion Room

### MEETINGS ADJOURN

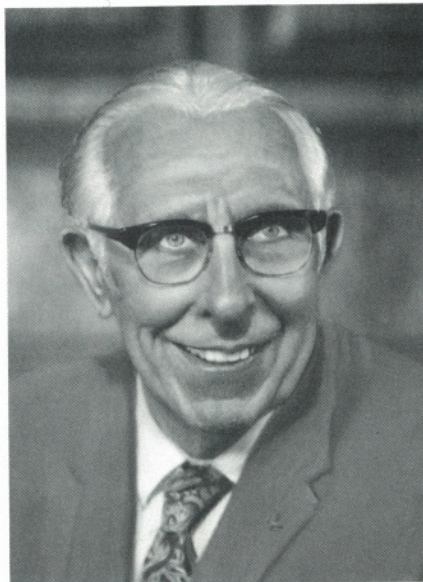
PRESIDENT'S BANQUET - For Seminar Participants



*Glen L. Greenwood*

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*Milton V. Backman*

## Milton V. Backman Retires After 30 Years Service

After three decades as a national board member, including election to National President, several terms as a national vice president and all the other years as Judge Advocate, Milton V. Backman has retired from national office in the society.

Appointment of Bernard Tanner to succeed him as Judge Advocate for 1985 was announced by National President Verl Peterson. At age 86, and after 30 years on the national board, Backman had indicated his desire to retire from office. He is, however, negotiating on several matters before hanging up his hat.

Backman joined SUP in 1954 to serve under National President Horace Sorensen as his judge advocate, and was chosen by many succeeding presidents, including all of those elected for the past 17 years, from 1967 to 1984.

His year as national president was 1966, highlighted by a successful California tour with Adjutant Marvin Smith of the Mormon Battalion. They attended ceremonies in San Diego, participated in the dedication of the Fort Moore Memorial in Los Angeles, visited the San Francisco Bay area, and

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*Bernard M. Tanner*

## Bernard M. Tanner Named Judge Advocate of SUP

An experienced attorney and long-time SUP member, Bernard M. Tanner, has been appointed to succeed Milton V. Backman as SUP's Judge Advocate. He served during an interim appointment in that position in the 1970's.

A member of SUP since 1961, he has affiliated with Pioneer and Holladay chapters, serving as president of the latter, and has a Life Membership certificate.

Mr. Tanner is a son of H. B. Tanner and grandson of Alexis Bartholomew Malan, an early SUP Life Member who participated in the Centennial Trek in 1947.

Together with his wife, the former Donna Wittwer, they have memorialized a total of 18 ancestors on the Pioneer Gallery plaques. They are the parents of five sons and three daughters, including five now in colleges and universities.

The new judge advocate is an assistant attorney general for the State of Utah, handling trial work for Utah Department of Social Services. He holds a philosophy degree from University of Utah and J.D. degree from George Washington University Law School.

## Arnold Potter

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Arnold met William Kimble. Kimble was not a Mormon, but his wife, Sabra van Leuven, had come to San Bernardino with the Saints.

Arnold, the Kimbles and a few other persons had left California by 1861 and come to Independence, Missouri. There also he attracted notice, not all of it favorable. On at least one occasion, he was shot at by a Union soldier, who fortunately missed, but caused him to declare a curse upon the Union and predict that the South would win the Civil War.

Early the next year, persecution must have become bad enough so that Arnold and his flock had to flee Independence. They settled in a small community named Saint Marys which was located about 12 miles south of Council Bluffs, Iowa. In 1865, the river washed Saint Marys away and they moved into Council Bluffs. Here Arnold Potter spent the last seven years of

his life. He became quite a local attraction and a number of newspaper accounts were given of his life and activities:

"There is one old fellow wandering about the streets here, a little more crazy than the other Mormons who calls himself, 'Potter Christ', his name being Potter, and he claiming to be Christ in the flesh. He is a painful spectacle, the laughing stock of all the rude boys in town, and when asked why he does not exert some of his diving power replies with great solemnity, 'Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God.'"

One newspaper interviewed Dr. W. H. Nipps, who had known Potter Christ at this time. He said:

"The converts were few but devout. The men wore long black robes and the women dressed like it was a sin to be pretty. They held enthusiastic prayer meetings. At one time Potter decided it was time to make his 'ascent'. Some packing house workers made up a purse to buy the self-designated

holy man some golden slippers befitting the occasion. Some other kind soul donated a donkey, and before long the entire Potter Christ group made a pilgrimage to the bluffs from which Potter was to leave for his home in the heavens.

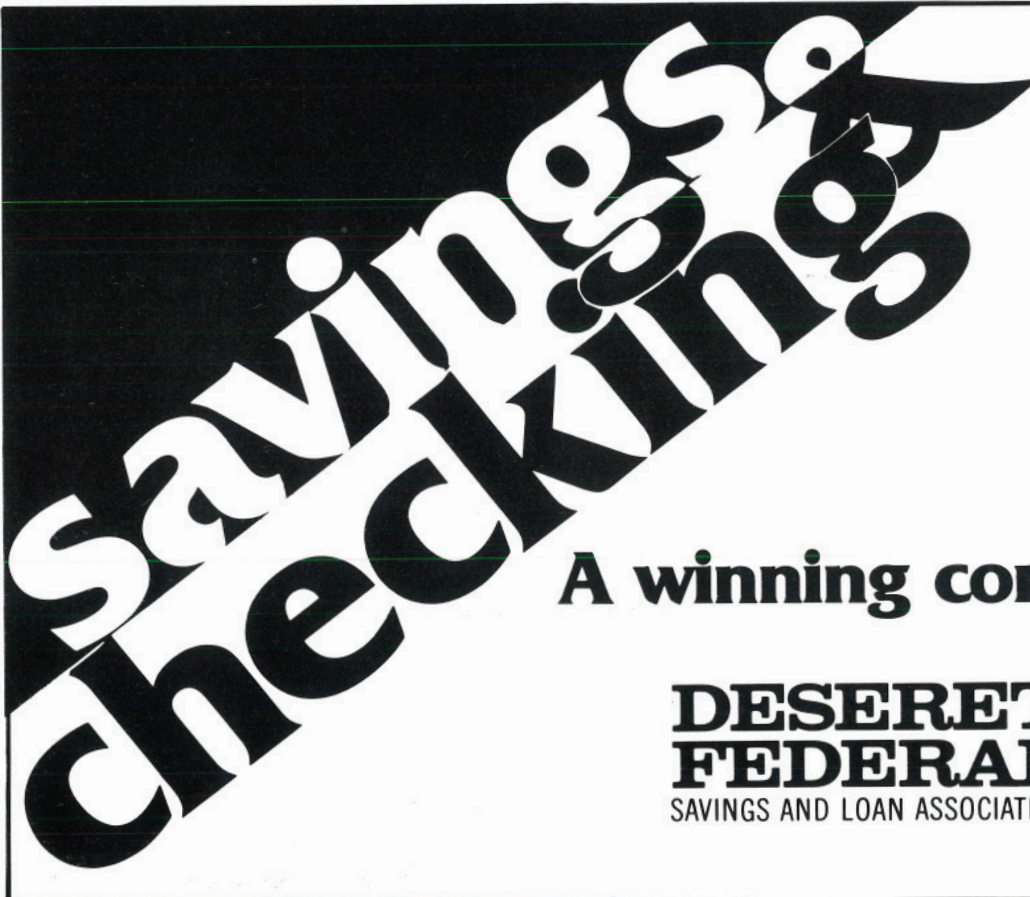
Apparently the weather or the signs were not right for the ascension because Potter never took off, and there is no report of the descent from the bluffs".

The final newspaper record of Arnold Potter's life recorded the events of his burial:

One of William Kimble's daughters recalled in later years:


"Yes, Potter was a good man, a sincere man. And he was like a mother to us children, for we had no mother. We used to be ashamed that father wore Potter's mark on his forehead, but Potter was always good to us."

He claimed that his large family residing in Salt Lake City had forsaken him".



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# Old Mill Marker Placed by Cedar City SUP

by Foyer Olsen

Howard Wood headed a committee to do clean up work in September on our historical property at "Old Iron Town", leaving the town looking good for Fall visitors.

The project of erecting a monument at the site of the old mill at the mouth of Cedar Canyon was completed with its dedication November 10. The monument contains a grinding stone used at the mill when it was grinding much of the flour used in Cedar City.

It is mounted in a large cement base covered with rocks from the area. Most of the work has been done by SUP members Alva Matheson, Richard Stucki, Frank Cooley, Howard Wood, and Jay Allred. The plaque was not in place at the dedication, but will be mounted as soon as it arrives as part of the Cedar City Birthday celebration.

Cedar City was 133 years old on November 11 and was celebrated on the 10th since the 11th was a Sunday. Activities for the day included a 7:00 a.m. Cannon Salute, followed by a flag ceremony at Cedar City Cemetery and an Old Fort Brass Ceremony at a site North of CAPCO.

At noon, DUP and SUP held a Town Meeting at Cedar City Rock Church. The featured speaker was Governor Scott M. Matheson.



Dedication of the SUP Monument followed.

A Home Show of early Cedar City homes of Jackie and Matt Bulloch, Blanche and Henry Dotson, Thora and Boyd Lawrence, Iris and Elwood Corry, and President Gerald Sherratt of SUSC. Proceeds were used for SUSC Founder's Monument.

Concluding the day were an Iron Mission Dutch Oven Dinner and Birthday Ball at the SUSC Great Hall.

On December 6, the chapter's Christmas dinner and program was held. We enjoyed the Vermillion Voices from Parowan at Sugar Loaf Restaurant (Iron Room).

January 8, 1985 has been set as the evening for our annual Bread and Milk Supper, combining with the Iron County Historical Society and Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Entertainment will be by Mr. Owen Sanders, Hurricane, folklore poet.

The installation of Chapter Officers for 1985 will also take place.

## 1985 National Encampment

Cedar City Chapter will host the 1985 National Encampment. August 29, 30, and 31 of 1985.

Committees for the various assignments will be appointed to make this National Encampment a success. The encampment-goer in the Cedar City area will enjoy treks, sightseeing, entertainment and Shakespeare Festival.

Frank Petty, Chapter president, was honored at the Southern Utah State College Alumni Association Annual Banquet November 3, 1984. He received the Distinguished Service Award for "far reaching contributions to Cedar City, Iron County and the State of Utah."

Petty is a SUSC graduate and has been an Institutional Council member for 10 years, a member of the Board of Regents and the local Postmaster since 1965.

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# Thanksgiving, Christmas Marked by Holiday Parties at Temple Quarry

by Lawrence Ray

Temple Quarry Chapter celebrated Thanksgiving with a planned potluck turkey dinner on November 6th, at Heritage Hall. Speaker Golden Buchmiller told of his varied and interesting experiences. Brian Fetzer entertained with musical numbers, and Lorna Monson delighted the group with her recitations.

The members made the evening special by wearing their green and white outfits.

Host couple was Leo and Elaine Bigler, and they were assisted by Charles and Lova Bollschweiller, Clifford and Blanche Frisby, and Julius and Irene Geilman.

On December 13th, the chapter ushered in the Christmas season at a catered dinner. Host couple was

James and Gloria Ostler, assisted by Charles and Ethel Pitts, John and Beth Samuelson, and Dorothy Smith, table decorations chairman.

The conductor of the Youth Symphony Orchestra, George Welch, together with his sister, Helen Cozzens, entertained the group with lovely Christmas carols, and Clyde Williams, first counselor in the Sandy Stake Presidency, presented an inspirational Christmas message.

Officers for the coming year include Past president, James Ostler; President, Charles E. Pitts; President-elect, Reed Newbold; and Vice-president, Golden Buchmiller. Secretary, Lawrence (Bud) Etherington; Treasurer, Reed Anderson; Historian, Leo W. Bigler; Awards, George F. Krebs; Publicity, Lawrence Ray; Trek Master, Glen Greenwood; and Chaplain, John C. Richards.

## Backman Retires

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formed a new SUP chapter in Sacramento. A prized memento is a photograph in which they and Chaplain Eldred G. Smith held the official military flag carried by the Battalion 119 years earlier.

As Judge Advocate, Backman has made annual presentations to secure the society's tax-exempt status. He handled legal matters concerning establishment of Pioneer Village and its subsequent transfer to Lagoon Corporation.

Another assignment extending over several years was the land acquisition, and construction contract for the national headquarters building. Through his many assignments he has enjoyed the loyal and enthusiastic support of his wife of 64 years.

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## Five Arizona SUP Chapters Stage Three-day Trek to Historic Sites

by J. Morris Richards

The first annual SUP Historical Trek of the Salt River Valley was held October 11 - 13, in which members of four Arizona chapters participated. It took the 38 travelers through Mormon colonies on the Little Colorado River and its tributaries.

The trek (by bus) was planned by the Salt River Valley Chapter, first S.U.P. organization in Arizona, by President Darrell Crane, Projects Director C. Ferrell Dana and Chapter Historian J. Morris Richards.

Members, wives and friends from chapters in Phoenix, Mesa, Scootsdale and Tempe left Phoenix on the morning of October 11, going by way of historical points in Arizona history, including Camp Verde, to the site of two 1876 Little Colorado colonies which were settled by Lot Smith and Jesse O. Ballenger under instructions from Brigham Young.

The Smith Camp became known as Sunset and the Ballenger Camp as Brigham City. Both were established in March, 1876 near the present site of Winslow. At the Brigham City location, the group was given a historical talk by Harry G. Hancock, former bishop of Winslow Ward, and archaeological diggings and surviving structures were examined.

Next stop was at Joseph City, original site of Allen's Camp, settled on March 24, 1876, where the oldest resident, J. Delbert Hansen, son of one of the first settlers, and Russell Westover, grandson of an original colonizer, gave accounts of the struggles of this oldest remaining Mormon settlement in Arizona.

Woodruff, a modern residence community for many people working in nearby Holbrook, was the subject of a history presented to the trekkers by LeGrand Turley, descendant of an early settler there. This colony, like Joseph City and the others on the Little Colorado River farther west, were threatened by the flood waters of that stream, but won out through perseverance.

At Snowflake, settled in 1878 and taking its name from founder William J. Flake and Apostle Erastus Snow, the group heard the history of the community from Vincent Flake, grandson of William J., and saw the pioneer homes of Jesse M. Smith and James M. Flake, which are being preserved as museums of pioneer history. There they had their evening meal before proceeding to Show Low for the night.

Friday, in a light rain, the travelers drove to St. Johns, where Mormons and Mexicans experienced difficulties for many years

while trying to occupy and use the resources of that colonial outpost. This historical story was given the group by Verl Heap and Keith Udall, officers of the Little Colorado Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers. Udall is vice president for Northern Arizona.

The St. Johns group was host to a fine luncheon for the visitors, and served as guides through the Pioneer Cemetery where many illustrious pioneers are buried.

The rain ceased during lunch and the afternoon found the travelers visiting Lyman Dam, irrigation water source for most of the irrigated farms in the area. In the early evening the bus took them to Nutrioso, another early settlement of the Mormons, where an outdoor steam-fry was enjoyed, with Harris Crosby as host. This was held at Sherwood Forest, mountain reunion cabin for the Sherwood family.

Lodging for the night was at Springerville, where Bryant Whiting was guide for a visit to the famous Renee' Scharf Cushman Museum, housed in the Springerville Ward building, where rare painting, furniture and art objects are on display.

Saturday's journey took the party to Greer, near the headquarters of the Little Colorado River, thence to Pinetop, Lakeside, Show Low and Forestdale, all of which had interesting Mormon history backgrounds.

Historical guide, J. Morris Richards, gave information on points of history concerning the sites of the colonies visited, and on other places along the way, preparing members of the party for each upcoming stop, before turning them over to the local historians.

Officers of Sons of Utah Pioneers making the trip were Spencer Madsen, vice president for Arizona and Paul J. Updike, vice president-at-large.

The trip was so successful that the Salt River Valley Chapter is already discussing preliminary plans for the Second Annual Trek for next year, possibly into the Mormon colonies of Mexico.

## Banner Year for Members of Twin Peaks SUP

by Marvin Spencer Stevens

January 9, 1984 the Twin Peaks Chapter was organized. John C. Beynon was elected President, Marvin S. Stevens, President-elect and Lono J. Dunn appointed Secretary.

Because of the short time before the Officer Training Seminar, January 14th, 1984, not enough time was available to completely organize the chapter. Because of this, assignments were made to attend specific sessions and bring back any new information that might be available for the chapter to have, to better organize itself to be in alignment with the assignments in the National organization.

The Twin Peak Board for 1984 are: President, John C. Beynon; President-elect, Marvin S. Stevens; 1st Vice President, Gale F. Hammond; 2nd Vice President, Alan S. Young, Sr.; Director, Daniel F. Allred; Director, G. Lynn Garff; Secretary, Lono H. Dunn; Treasurer, Carl A. Quist; Historian, Roald Amundsen; and Photographer, G. Kimball Nelson.

It has been a great year and we are pleased with the progress that has been made. A dinner meeting has been held every month since its inception. We have been blessed by delightful and informative speakers and outstanding entertainers. Attendance ranged from 52 to 85.

Chapter activities have included a trek to Arches National Park and Castle Valley. Then a trek to the Mexican Rivera followed.

A trek was taken to Park City where two nights were spent riding the chair lifts, Alpine Slide and more.

Another outstanding activity was held by Twin Peaks Chapter, a Salmon Dinner. President Beynon went to Alaska on a fishing trip with his son and shared his joy with

the rest of the chapter. A fund-raising dinner featured cooking salmon over charcoal.

Another Fund Raiser was held by having a Bazaar. The ladies of the chapter made many items such as quilts, decorative pillows, ornaments, and goodies to eat to be auctioned or sold. A substantial amount was netted through this.

The poor and needy were not forgotten. Members of the chapter donated and collected more than 400 pounds of food (about 300 items) and gave it to the Food Bank. Since that time, more food continues to come in for that same purpose.

In January the dress colors were decided for the chapter. For the men it would be a dark blue blazer, white shirt and powder blue pants. For the ladies, a dark blue jacket, white blouse, powder blue tie and dark blue skirt.

The chapter donated a small type Picnic Table to the LDS Primary Childrens Hospital for the children to be able to sit at and play.

A project for Trail markers was assisted through the manufacturer of Plaque stands to be mounted on the rim of the canyon by Headquarters. Thanks to the talents of our illustrious President John Beynon.

Just to make everything official and binding, The Chapter prepared and submitted to the National organization a request to be Chartered. This was accepted by the National Headquarters, subsequently the Twin Peaks Chapter has been presented a Charter by National President Glen Greenwood.

## Pioneer Chapter Celebrates Holidays

by Larry A. Eggett

Members of the Pioneer Chapter have been treated to some interesting meetings recently. November 14 was the date of our annual election banquet. It was held at the National SUP Headquarters, and our wives were our special guests for the evening.

New officers elected for 1985 are K. Ronald Knight, president; David B. Smith, president-elect; Macoy A. McMurray, vice president; David K. Richards, vice president; Kenneth E. Bement, treasurer; and Larry A. Eggett, secretary.

Our speaker on this occasion was Dan Jones, a well-known local pollster, who shared with us some interesting insights concerning the 1984 elections. He emphasized the importance of teaching history to our children. He said that they must come to understand history, or they will have to relive it.

A plaque was presented to outgoing chapter President Robert H. Hall, thanking him for his service in our behalf during 1984.

Our wives again joined us for our annual Christmas luncheon in the Lion House on December 12. An inspirational program was presented by Francis Urry and his family, with a Christmas tribute in song and word.

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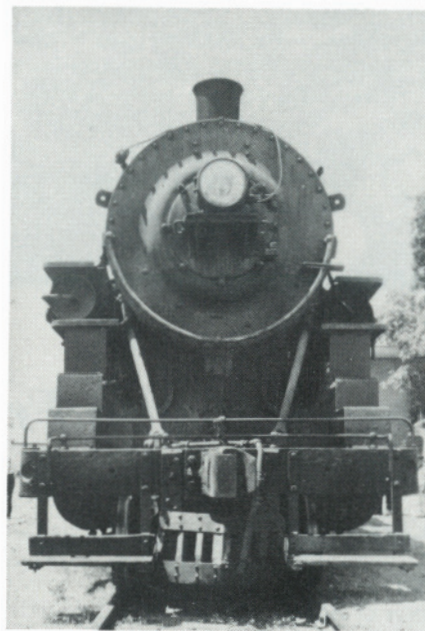
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1985 Chapter Officers, Front: Orrin Miller, vice pres.; Clyde Hogan, past pres.; Donald Rosenberg, pres.; Frank Dunlavy, pres.-elect. Rear: Glen Elkington, treas.; Ferrell Stewart, vice pres.; George Nelson, chaplain; William Sharp, sec.



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## Tooele Landmarks Placed on National Register

Acting in behalf of the Settlement Canyon chapter, vice presidents Orrin Miller and Don Rosenberg assembled data and compiled histories for the nomination of two Tooele landmarks to the National Register of Historic Places.

The landmarks are the old City Hall and the Tooele Valley Railroad Depot. The city hall was built in 1887. It served Tooele County and Tooele City governments for many years. Upon completion of the new City Hall in 1942, it was turned over to the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and it is now in a museum featuring pioneer artifacts.

The construction of the Tooele Smelter and the Tooele Valley railroad in 1909 changed Tooele from an agricultural community to an industrialized city and doubled in population. The smelter and the railroad tracks are now gone. The depot remains as a museum symbolizing the mining and smelting activities that nourished Tooele for 63 years.

## Neff Term Concludes

*by Julian W. Rasmussen*

Steven Neff has ended his term as president of the East Millcreek Mills Chapter with honor and accomplishment.

Steve's primary goal was to have every member of Life Member; there are 44 out of 50 (88%) who now hold memberships.

Under the chairmanship of Dr. J. P. Hughes, a plaque commemorating the 22 mills that were along Mill Creek will soon be placed.

## SUP Jordan River Temple Places Riverton Plaque

A year-long dream was realized November 3, 1984, when the Jordan River Temple Chapter dedicated a new historical monument in Riverton Park.

We are grateful to those who helped us achieve this goal, and to those who participated on the program. President-Elect Vern Francis gave the opening prayer. The flag ceremony was performed by Boy Scouts Mark Francis, DJ Waters, Scott Reams and Jess Herman of Troop 120, under Scoutmaster Vernon Noakes.

Speakers included President Glen Greenwood, Elvoy Dansie, Kenneth Rasmussen and President Steve Kirkham. An original song was written and sung especially for this occasion by Ruth Kirkham as a tribute to the pioneers.

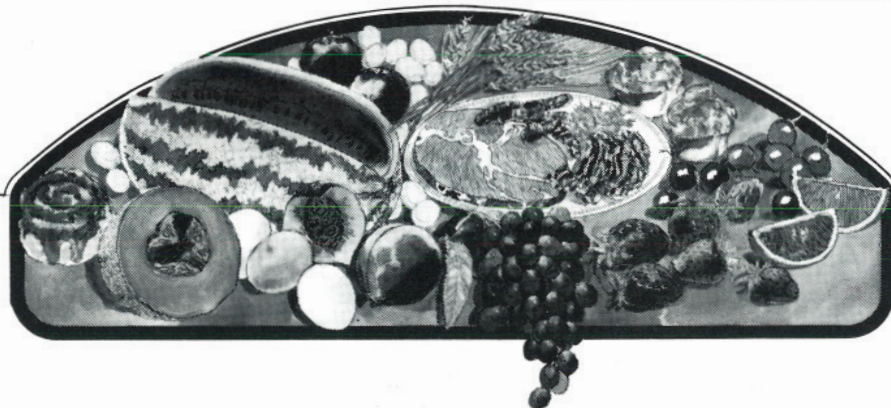
This monument is gratefully



erected to their memory and integrity.

Patriarch Lee Dimond offered the dedicatory prayer. Ruth Mallet,

wife of National SUP President-elect Wayne Mallet, cut the ribbon on the monument. The plaque was reproduced in the last PIONEER.



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## Union Fort Chapter Hears of Jehu Cox

by Carl V. Johnson

Union Fort SUP met November 30th for their pot luck dinner meeting, at which time elections were held.

Officers for the new year are: Past President, Steven Madsen; President, Allen Howard; President-Elect, Ronald Walker; Vice President, Ted F. Talbot; and Secretary-Treasurer, Oliver Carlsen.

Trails and Landmarks, Steven Madsen; Life Membership, Donald E. Green Sr.; Pioneer Reporter, Carl V. Johnson; Membership, Glenn E. Johnson; Chaplain, Ronald Walker; and Historian, Oliver Carlsen.

National SUP President Glen Greenwood and his wife Donna were in attendance. Pres. Greenwood invited new officers to attend the Leadership Seminar on January 12th. He also encouraged members to submit their name memorializations and histories of pioneer ancestors to the SUP Headquarters.

Steven Madsen gave a history of Jehu Cox, pioneer of 1848. He was the first settler on the banks of the Little Cottonwood Creek. In 1849 he built an adobe house (which still stands at 10th East and 7200 South). In 1854, he gave 10 acres of his farming land for a Fort site.

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## Four Decades of Engineering Dams

A senior member of the Brigham Young Chapter of SUP is Parley Rhead Neeley, now retired and in his 82nd year, after having a hand in several major water projects which have reclaimed large areas of wasteland.

This Spanish Fork resident was honored this year by his alma mater, University of Utah and is a valued member of his chapter.

A native of Coalville, he is a descendant of LDS immigrants from England, Wales, Ireland and Holland, he received his civil engineering degree from University of Utah in 1926 and two years later married Josephine Mitchell in Salt Lake LDS temple.

For 37 years he worked on Utah dams at Moon Lake and on Echo,

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## New Box Elder Leaders Eye Willard/Perry Unit

by Sam Gordon

The Box Elder Chapter is studying the possibilities of developing a new chapter in the Willard/Perry area as one of the exciting challenges facing the new officers.

President Arland Duvall has spent weeks working up a program which will give every member an opportunity to make contributions of which the chapter can be proud, the members happy and the national officers pleased.

The new officers have met and are planning other meetings in an effort to start the new year fully prepared to carry on with no let down by the change of officers. C. Henry Nielsen, who was in charge of the Awards and Achievement program, is following the Achievement Score Card for the months of September through December so as to have a year's program to turn in for the encampment at Cedar City.

Pineview, Schofield, and Deer Creek reservoirs, plus projects in Montana, North Dakota. For 17 years he directed work on the Central Utah project.

Awarded the Silver Beaver for his work as a Scouter, he received the Merit Honor Award of The Emeritus Club of the U of U Alumni Association last May.

He has served the LDS Church as a bishop, high councilman and with his wife as missionaries in Independence Visitor Center, in Missouri, and recently as Provo Temple ordinance workers. They are the parents of 4 children, 23 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

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## Mount Rushmore Visit Highlight of EMC Trek

An adventure which always comes to mind during July, when patriotism abounds, is our shared experience during the East Mill Creek chapter's trek to the Black Hills of South Dakota to view Mount Rushmore.

This awesome monument, fashioned by man, is an enduring tribute to four great leaders of our country...chiseled in a mountain of granite. Their ideals and beliefs are captured forever by the artist Gutzon Borglum.

They stand crested on a mountain rise, commanding a view of the lush and fertile valley below. Their records bear silent testimony of their past, and will be read in ages to come.

As we turned to leave we took a departing look at them in our

togetherness, standing silently as they watch over their country and yours and mine! May their silent voices echo through the canyons of time, telling us and generations to come of their philosophy, ideals and faith, and their love for America.

As we grow older we realize that we shall still know our tomorrows exist, but we can look forward to fewer of them. And when day is done, we have lived to add another day of experience to our lives, such as we have just completed in our adventure.

Mary and Dick Kennedy

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## Hansens Wed 60 Years

Celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 10 were Earl A. and Alta Hansen of Logan, where he is a member and past president of Temple Fork Chapter. Hansen was also national SUP president and national Commander of Mormon Battalion.

## Chapters Add 19 Names to Rolls

*Star Valley Chapter:* Johnny Van Scoyk, Richard Nelson Westover, Paul M. Hokanson and Richard N. Westover.

*At Large:* V. Dennis Wardle, William S. Ashton, Ariel Croft Knowles and Rodney D. Campbell.

*Tempe Chapter:* Joseph H. Anthony, Jr.

*Indiana Chapter:* Edmen C. Murphy.

*Temple Quarry Chapter:* Marvin W. Beckstead

*Temple Fork Chapter:* Russell E. Tarbet.

*South Davis Chapter:* V. Vee Reynolds and Walter W. Willey.

*Box Elder Chapter:* Glenn L. Widison.

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*Cedar City Chapter:* Albert S. Clark

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*Timponogos Chapter:* Lyndon Peterson.

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1167	Merrill L. Terry	T/B
1168	James Arthur Lind	AL/EMC
1169	Norman Gayle Bradfield	Ind.
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## Chapter Eternal

### Lester Wallace Cooper

Lester Wallace Cooper died Sept 14, 1984 at his home in Salt Lake City of cancer.

He was born November 10, 1913 in Midvale, Utah to Fredrick William and Ida Farmer Cooper. Married Lucille McLachlan July 13, 1936 in Hunter, later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Active member of the LDS Church; member of the Twin Peaks Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. He was owner of the Cooper Cash Market in Magna, Cooper Dairy, Cooper Fur Farm, Cooper Apartments in Holladay, and developer in the Cooper subdivision.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Brent (Connie) Chettle, Los Angeles, Calif; Mrs. Penny Cooper, San Diego, Calif., seven grandchildren; brother, two sisters, Earl, Puyallup, Wash., Mrs. Steven (Elizabeth) Mackay, Wiser, Idaho; Mrs. Scott (Ida "Billie") McLachlan, Salt Lake City. Preceded in death by a daughter, Kathleen Cooper Axman.

Funeral services were held at the Canyon Road Ward. Interment at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park.

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### Sterling H. Nelson

Sterling Harris Nelson, 95, Salt Lake City, died at his home Nov. 27. Born Sept. 14, 1889, Provo Utah. Married Elsa Sorenson Jan. 14, 1911 in Salt Lake Temple.

Harris was a SUP Life Member 264, affiliated with the Sugar House Chapter, and a participant in the 1947 Centennial Trek. He was also a charter member of the Salt Lake Kiwanis Club, which honored him last year for 65 years of active membership.

He is survived by six sons and daughters, 32 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

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### Silas F. Jarvis

Silas F. Jarvis, of Mesa, Arizona, died Oct. 19, 1983, at the age of 78. Born Feb. 28, 1905 in Eagar, Arizona. Buried Oct. 22, 1983 at Central, Arizona. Member, Sons of Utah Pioneers, Mesa Chapter.

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### Mahonri Kenneth White

Mahonri Kenneth White, 79, Salt Lake City, died Dec. 7, 1984. Born Oct. 24, 1905 to Mahonri M. White and Mary Duff Stay White. Married Ada Marie Sparks Dec. 2, 1925 in Salt Lake Temple.

A mail carrier and florist as a young man, he developed and built White City housing development, and was a partner in White City Water Company.

Life member, Sons of Utah Pioneers, affiliated with East Mill Creek Chapter. SUP national headquarters building was constructed on property he owned.

Survivors include his wife, two sons and two daughters, 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers.

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### Owen Edward Davis

Owen Edward Davis, 67, Brigham City, died Aug. 11, 1984 of cancer.

Born Feb. 9, 1917 to Arthur Edward and Emma May Davis. Married Hilda Lee Meiller Sept. 22, 1936 in Logan LDS Temple; she died March 21, 1947. Married Edna Peay June 14, 1948 in Farmington; they were later divorced. Married Marian Crist in Las Vegas, Nev. They were later divorced. Married Mabel Y. Miller June 23, 1980 in Salt Lake City.

Automobile salesman and business consultant in electronics and television in Utah and Nevada. Past member, Kiwanis, and member of Sons of Utah Pioneers, Box Elder Chapter.

Survivors include his wife, three sons, two step-daughters, two sisters, 21 grandchildren.

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### Ruth Hibbert

Ruth Hansen Hibbert, 79, elementary school teacher in Mesa, Arizona, died Dec. 5, 1984. Born in Spanish Fork, Utah. BYU graduate; post graduate studies at Arizona State University.

Taught school in Provo for 7 years, 24 years in Mesa.

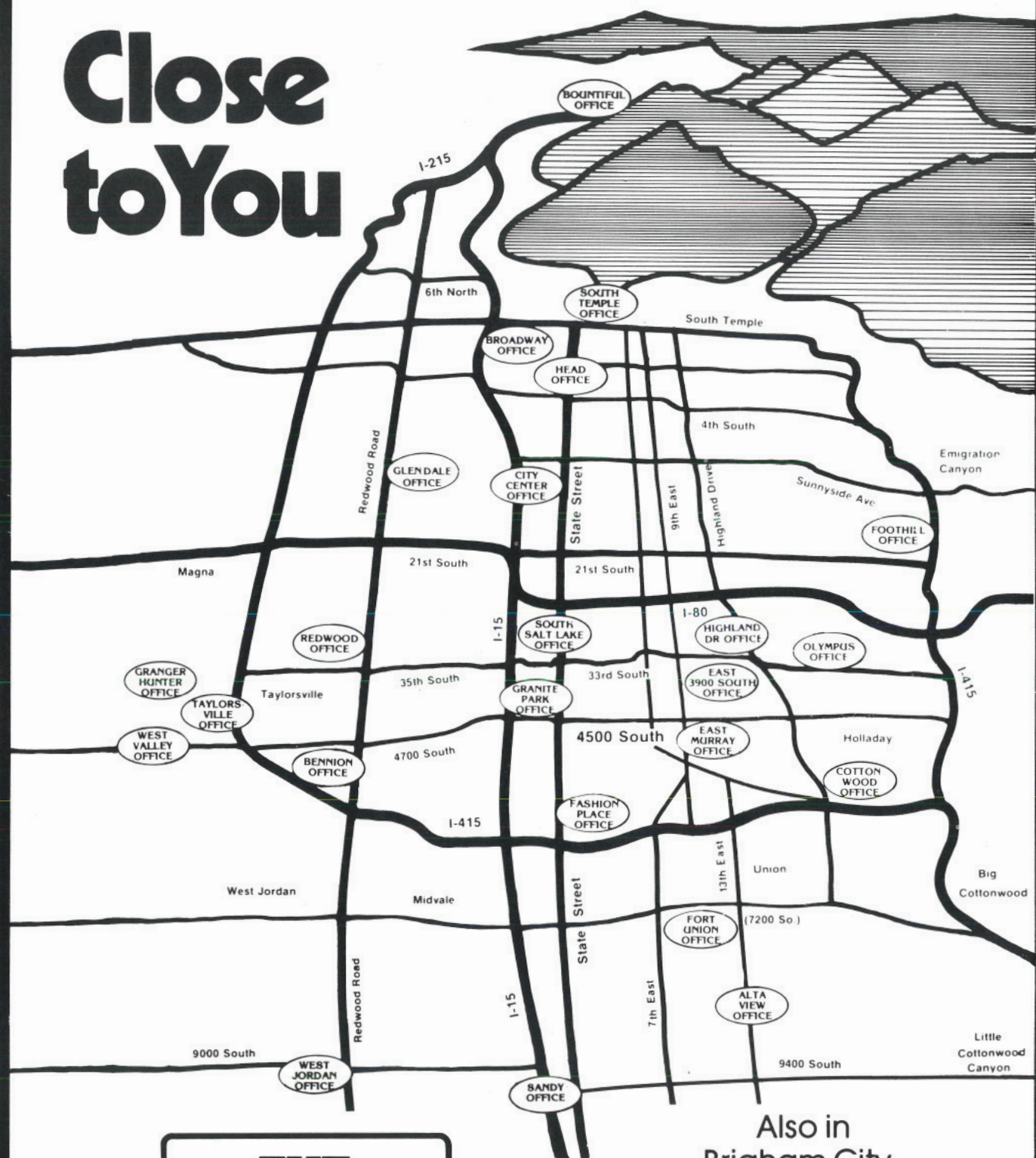
Married John Lovell. Survived by husband, John Lovell, a son and daughter, two grandchildren, three sisters.

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